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Subject: GHB technical difficulties

Hi Julie,

I have a question regarding the analysis of GHB samples. We have a few outstanding cases from 2009 that were assigned to a chemist in November. For various technical reasons that analysis has not been able to be completed here in the drug lab. When the respective police departments call (one called today) regarding the status of their case we have been able to delay up until this point. GHB as a Class A drug usually results in serious charges.

It seems that it is unreasonable to continue to offer excuses as to why the analysis cannot be completed. I'm wondering if we can develop a plan B very soon as the indefinite lack of analysis does not reflect well upon the laboratory. I am not well versed on the technical ins and outs of the necessary procedures but believe Michael and Peter would be the contact people for this.

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